

beginning would have produced such important ends. His envious brethren had no such view as the deliverance of themselves and families, when they sold him for a slave ; but God designed this, and proved by the issue, that the greatest events are sometimes accomplished by the most unlikely means. Let the young reader well consider this remarkable history, and imitate this pleasing youth, who, for his serious and moral deportment, at the early age of seventeen, was exposed to the hatred and malice of wicked men. View him also in his patience under sufferings, his chastity in temptation, and in his steady perseverance in the path of virtue. In his whole life we behold the marks of grace, and the superintending providence of God with him, nor was he forsaken by the Lord in his death. He found, what I pray my reader may experience, that an holy life will issue in an happy death.

The History of Joseph.



CHAP. I.

Particulars relating to the Birth and Childhood of Joseph, &c. &c.

THE subject of the present Memoirs, descended from a very ancient family. His great-grandfather was Abraham, who, on account